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Subject: PDC case 4802

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on April 25, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Charles Schaefer may have violated RCW 42.17A.205, .235, and .240 by failing to register as a candidate for Burien City Council.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations to determine whether a formal investigation or enforcement action is warranted. As a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- There was no evidence provided with the complaint indicating Mr. Schaefer is actively campaigning or gathering campaign contributions.
- Mr. Schaefer responded to the complaint and informed the PDC that his Facebook postings were meant as commentary, in his words: "The intent of the page is primarily satire (with some attempt to educate on the libertarian philosophy), as evidenced by a number of other pieces of evidence where I use the winking face symbol, generally understood to indicate sarcasm or other non-serious intent."
- Mr. Schaefer has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined that no further action is warranted at this time. For this reason the PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint. If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey at 360-586-4555 or by e-mail at [Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Jacob Berkey  
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Endorsed by,

Evelyn Fielding Lopez  
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cc: Charles Schaefer